

March 7, 1977

Mr. A. L. Hatch
P.O. Box 735
Vernal, Utah 84078

Re: ACT/047/008
Black Gnat Gilsonite Mine

Dear Mr. Hatch:

The Division has reviewed the Mining and Reclamation Plan which was submitted by you on March 3, 1977. The Declaration of Exemption which you completed on the same date has also been considered.

It appears that the actual area involved in your operation is under two (2) acres in size, but we would like clarification of the actual extent of the road before conceding that the operation is exempt. In our opinion, the area presently calculates to:

- (1) Road from existing ~~un~~improved road to the two south-east shafts
= 1100' @ 10' wide
or .25 acres
- (2) Pad area surrounding the two south easterly shafts
=.75 acres each (180'x180')
or 1.5 acres total (2 pads 180'x180')

We calculate the total area to be 1.75 acres.

If the road will be extended to the north western shaft and surface area is disturbed there, then additional area will be involved and the operation will fall into the purview of the Act.

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Please let us know what your intentions are for this mine so we can place it in the correct status. Should the mine require filing of a plan we have the plan, lact your notarized signature on it.

We will await your response in this matter and are available should you have further questions.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING

RONALD W. DANIELS
COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND
DEVELOPMENT

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